an evil day. I will tell about this. Gracie had a sweetheart whom she dearly loved & had promised to marry. This was a most excellent young man named Joseph Parker, who had commenced life in the humblest circumstances, but had risen by honest endeavor till he was now sexton to the village church, & grave digger. The graveyard was ~~a pub-~~ ~~lic one,~~ owned by several citizens, who presently wished to sell it. It was pleasantly located on a hill side & very desirable. Young Parker conceived the idea of

buying it. It was a great chance, but the price was a vast one, being six hundred dollars, & he had no money. Mr. Cadaver loved Joseph, & he could not bear to see this opportunity lost; he looked from Gracie's beseeching eyes to Joseph's & his heart was touched. He said —

"You shall have the graveyard, my children; take yourselves off, now, & be happy."

You should have seen Gracie throw her arms around his neck, & pat his cheek & cry for joy.